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In the Specification:

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Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 1 to 18, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Fig. 7 shows a further inventive abradable shroud lining 32, which again consists of a metal foam 28 and a carrier 29 allocated to the metal foam 28 as well as being fixedly or rigidly connected with the metal foam 28. The static or stationary lining 32 of the Fig. 7 cooperates with labyrinth seals 33, which are also referred to as seal fins. Such seal fins have different external radii, as is schematically illustrated in Fig. 7, so that the lining 32 provided by the metal foam 28 has a stepped contour. The inner diameter of the lining 32 provided by the metal foam 28 is adapted or fitted to the outer diameter of the labyrinth seals 33. It is noted that the embodiment of the lining 32 according to Fig. 7 is a particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention, because the honeycomb construction of the lining known from the state of the art can be replaced with such a metal foam lining that cooperates with labyrinth seals. As already mentioned, the back surface of the metal foam 28 is fixedly or rigidly connected [[with]] continuously surfacially onto a carrier surface of the carrier 29, especially glued or soldered thereto, whereby the metal foam 28 is continuously supported along the back surface thereof on the carrier surface of the carrier 29, as shown in Fig. 7.